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**ITALY.****Status of Cholera.**

During the week ended December 24, 1911, cholera was reported in Italy as follows: In the Province of Caltanissetta, 1 case; Province of Girgenti, 15 cases with 6 deaths in 3 localities; Province of Syracuse, 14 cases with 8 deaths in 2 localities.

**MEXICO.****Smallpox.**

Smallpox is reported present in epidemic form at Porfirio Diaz, State of Coahuila, Mexico. From December 16, 1911, to January 22, 1912, 26 deaths from the disease were reported. The county commissioners of Maverick County, Tex., have declared rigid quarantine against Porfirio Diaz, and persons from that town are prohibited from crossing the bridges that connect the town with Eagle Pass, Tex.

At Magdalena, State of Sonora, 78 cases of smallpox with 1 death were reported January 17. The Mexican Government is maintaining strict quarantine against Magdalena.

On January 21 smallpox was reported present at San Antonio, a locality situated opposite the town of Terlingua, Brewster County, Tex., with a total to date of 12 cases with 9 deaths.

**Yellow Fever in Merida and Vicinity.**

During the week ended January 6 yellow fever was reported in the Mexican Republic as follows: At Temax 1 case, at Espita 1, and at Maxcanu 1, these localities being situated at a distance of 84, 174, and 58 kilometers, respectively, from Merida, and at the city of Merida during the same period 1 death which occurred January 4.

**RUSSIA.****Odessa—Typhus Fever.**

Consul Grout reports: During the week ended December 23, 1911, an outbreak of typhus fever occurred at Odessa, with a total of about 100 known cases. The outbreak occurred at several night rests and at police stations. The disease appears to be highly contagious in form though not malignant. Measures have been taken to prevent spread.

**ZANZIBAR.****Zanzibar—Examination of Rats.**

Consul Weddell reports: During the two weeks ended December 14, 1911, 1,539 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.